

Amendments to the Claims:

Before claim 1 on page 17 insert --We claim:--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
_____a pharmaceutically active compound and a non- encapsulating adjuvant, wherein the adjuvant comprises a fungal cell or a fragment thereof.
2. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fungal cell fragment comprises a fungal cell wall or a part thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claims 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the pharmaceutically active compound comprises a hydrophilic moiety.
4. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 3[~~1~~] wherein the pharmaceutically active compound is hydrophilic or substantially hydrophilic.

5. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the pharmaceutically active compound comprises a peptide.
6. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 5[,] further comprising proteinase inhibitor.
7. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment is derived from one or more fungi selected from the group consisting of Mastigomycotina, Zygomycotina, Ascomycotina, Basidiomycotina and ~~Dezitero~~izycotina.
8. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 7[,] wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment is derived from Ascomycotina.
9. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 8[,] wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment is derived from yeast.

10. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 9_[1] wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment is derived from one or more selected from the group consisting of *Candida albicans*, *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, *Coccidioides immitis*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis*, *Penicillium marneffei* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
11. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 10_[1] wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment is derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
12. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 10, wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment contains chitin and/or chitosan.
13. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment contains chitin in an amount of at least about 5% by dry weight.
14. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the fungal cell or fungal cell fragment contains chitosan in an amount of at least about 5% by dry weight.
15. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 12, wherein the pharmaceutically active compound is absorbed via the paracellular pathway.

16. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 12, wherein the adjuvant is present in an amount effective to increase the permeability of the paracellular pathway in vivo.

17. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 and a pharmaceutically active compound encapsulated within a yeast cell.

18. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 for use as a medicament.

19. (~~Original~~Currently Amended) A packaged composition comprising:
_____ at least two discrete components, the first component comprising a pharmaceutically active composition and the second component comprising a fungal cell or a fragment thereof.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of administering a pharmaceutically active compound via the paracellular pathway comprising the use of a composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-16~~claim 1.

21. (Original) The use of a non-encapsulating fungal cell or fungal cell fragment to augment the bioavailability of a pharmaceutically active compound.

22. (Currently Amended) The use of a composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-~~
~~16~~claim 1 for alleviating the symptoms of and/or curing an ailment or disease.